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JACK'S DIPLOMACY.

[Belgravia.]

When Jack Harwood heard the story which his cousin, pretty Mrs. Ainslie, unfolded to him it seemed almost incredible, though he knew what a foolish, impetuous girl she was. But her evident distress convinced him that she was in earnest.

"Do you really mean to say that Carruthers is bad enough to refuse to return the letter?" he exclaimed in amazement.

"I assure you I almost went on my knees to him the other night at the Beresfords' ball," returned Mrs. Ainslie, excitedly. "But he only laughed in his sneering way, and said he should keep it as a curiosity."

"Was that after you explained the circumstances?" asked Jack.

"Oh, yes! I made a clean breast of my foolishness. It was humiliating, but it was the only thing to do."

"What did you say to him?"

"I was perfectly outspoken. I said that I had had a quarrel with my husband, who had insisted on my writing to request him to discontinue his attentions. I fully intended to do so, but when I sat down with my pen in my hand for the purpose I was seized with a foolish impulse to—to vent my ill-humor by a dangerous practical joke. I meant no harm, and nothing was farther from my mind than to send off the letter I wrote."

"I wonder that you thought your husband capable of reading a letter addressed to a third person," said Jack, rather sharply.

"I am perfectly sure that if I had been in his jealous mood and had seen an unsealed letter addressed by my wife to an admirer lying about I should have read it," said Mrs. Ainslie, with conviction.

"Anyhow, your husband did nothing of the kind," remarked Jack, with a shrug.

"No, I discovered afterward, to my horror, that he simply sealed up the letter and posted it, thinking it was the letter I had promised to write," said Mrs. Ainslie.

"Then, why on earth didn't you undeceive him when you found out what he had done?" inquired Jack, a little contemptuously.

"Because—because—well, the truth is, I felt ashamed of myself. He had trusted me, and I couldn't bring myself to confess my littleness," said Mrs. Ainslie, with embarrassment. "Besides, I thought I should have no difficulty in getting the letter back from Mr. Carruthers. I knew I should meet him the next evening at the Beresfords."

"I suppose he was disagreeably surprised at your explanation," said Jack with a laugh.

"Well, I found myself in a very difficult position," answered the little Mrs. Ainslee. "He declined to believe me and—and pretended to think I really felt towards him all I had said in the letter. I had to speak very plainly—in fact, we quarreled—and he almost threatened to make use of the letter."

"The little cad!" exclaimed Jack vigorously. "Do you recollect what you wrote—was it very compromising?"

"I am afraid so," said Mrs. Ainslie, rising in great agitation and unlocking her writing desk. "I have endeavored to recall word for word what I said. I think this is correct."

Jack Harwood took the letter which his cousin handed him and read as follows:

My Dearest Marmaduke—My husband has ordered me to write and forbid you to the house. Since he refused to trust me I will no longer endeavor to stifle my feelings, but will avow myself now and ever—Your own

AMY.

Jack had no occasion to express his dismay and disgust at this wantonly foolish indiscretion, for this expression caused his cousin to break into a torrent of excuses and lamentations, which culminated in a flood of tears.

"There, there, it's no use crying," he said, good-naturedly. "What is that other paper you have in your hand?"

"It is the letter I really intended to send, but of course it was no use sending it after the other had gone," returned Mrs. Ainslie.

"May I see it? Yes. That letter is straight enough," said Jack, after glancing through it.

"I really intended to carry out John's wishes," added little Mrs. Ainslie, again having recourse to her pocket handkerchief.

"Well, now, why did you send for me?" inquired Jack, in a matter-of-fact tone.

"I want your advice and assistance, Jack," returned his cousin, brightening up. "I did not know who else to go to, and I have always regarded you as a brother. I am dreadfully afraid Mr. Carruthers has been bragging about the letter."

"Surely not. No man calling himself a gentleman could behave so snobbishly. What makes you think so?" inquired Jack, sternly.

"I hope it is not the case, but Mrs. Richardson hinted to me last night that her husband had heard something unpleasant about me and Mr. Carruthers at his club," said Mrs. Ainslie, plucking nervously at her dress.

"What! at the Blenheim?" said Jack, frowning.

"Yes. Mr. Carruthers is a member, you know. But, at all events, it is desirable to get the letter back, and you know what my husband is, Jack. I really dare not tell him anything about the letter, or he would fly at Mr. Carruthers' throat and create a scandal," said Mrs. Ainslie. "Besides, of course, I would prefer to keep the matter a secret from him."

"I will try what I can do, Amy, and I need not say I will be careful to avoid a scandal," said Jack Harwood, rising to his feet. "You had better burn the draft of that unhappy letter. It has done enough mischief already. I will keep the other one," he added, putting it in his pocket.

"Oh, Jack, how can I thank you?" exclaimed his cousin, seizing both his hands in her impulsive fashion.

"In the first place, I have done nothing at present, and in the next, I am going to give you a parting piece of advice which will probably diminish the warmth of your feelings towards me," said Jack grimly. "I hope this scrape you have got into, Amy, will be a lesson to you, and will make you discreet in your conduct. People have talked about you and Carruthers in a manner which was deeved unpleasant for me to listen to I can tell you."

With regard to the task he had undertaken, the young man felt considerable doubt how to act for the best. For a subaltern in the guards, Jack Harwood was more than gifted with shrewd common sense and business-like capacity. His impulse was to call upon Mr. Marmaduke Carruthers and insist upon his giving up the letter. But Marmaduke Carruthers was one of those men who inspire more candid natures with wholesome distrust and a somewhat exaggerated notion of their cleverness. He had a very doubtful reputation, and although entitled to the courtesy title of "honorable" by virtue of his father being a peer, he had the smallest pretensions to that desirable epithet. Jack Harwood imagined that Marmaduke Carruthers was not the least likely to part with his cousin's letter simply for the asking. It would have suited Jack's humor to back up his demand by physical force, but by this means he might only create a scandal without attaining his object. Besides, if his cousin's suspicions were correct, and Marmaduke Carruthers had been base enough to boast about the letter, the mischief could not be cured by merely getting it back again.

In order to satisfy himself upon the latter point, he first turned his steps toward Blenheim club, of which he was also a member. He soon discovered, to his disgust and indignation, that rumors were afloat which seriously affected his cousin's reputation. Her flirtation with Marmaduke Carruthers had been a subject of comment for some time and latterly it had been whispered that the lady was quite willing to elope with her admirer. So far as Jack could ascertain, Marmaduke Carruthers had dropped hints which had caused this shameful report to get about, and though he had not apparently gone so far as to show the letter, he made no secret of having secured it.

Jack was not a hot-tempered man, but it cost him a great effort to control his rage and indignation and to reflect calmly over the situation. He smoked two full-flavored cigars—a very unusual thing for him to do in the middle of a day, and a sure sign of mental perturbation—and after an hour's cogitation he rose from his seat with an air of desperation.

"It can't be helped. I must dissemble, as they say on the stage," he muttered to himself. "It is devilish unpleasant to have to shake hands with a man one is longing to kick. But I've undertaken the job and I must carry it through for Amy's sake, though it isn't in my line at all."

So saying he seized his hat and started to call upon Marmaduke Carruthers at his chambers, which were near at hand. Marmaduke Carruthers welcomed him with a frank appearance of cordiality which he could always assume at a moment's notice. In this particular instance, perhaps, he did no great violence to his feelings, for he and Jack were old club acquaintances of many years' standing, and the latter had the great recommendation in the eyes of an impecunious younger son of being the heir to a fine estate.

"Have some breakfast?" said the Hon. Marmaduke, when they had exchanged greetings.

"No, thanks, I have just had my lunch," replied Jack, with a forced laugh. "I will take a cigarette, if you don't mind."

"By all means, light up," said the Hon. Marmaduke, resuming his seat at the breakfast table. "I have been up late the last few nights."

"Lost some money I hear?" said Jack, puffing furiously at his cigarette.

"Well, I'm about square again now," returned the Hon. Marmaduke. "I had luck at the Phœnix yesterday, so I shall swear off for awhile. What brings you here?" he added, evidently noting Jack's embarrassment.

"A very unpleasant business, Carruthers," said Jack, unable altogether to repress his temper. "I've heard something about my cousin, Mrs. Ainslie, which has rather upset me. I know I have no right to interfere between you and her; that is her husband's business. At the same time I should be awfully cut up if anything happened."

"My dear fellow, you needn't be afraid," said Hon. Marmaduke, reassuringly. "Nothing will happen. I thought matters were going a trifle too far, so I considered it my duty to—to terminate the acquaintance."

"What!" exclaimed Jack, with an involuntary start.

"Well, you know, I was in an awkward fix. It turned out that the lady took our innocent flirtation an grand serieux," said the Hon. Marmaduke, smiling. "I had not bargained for anything more than a Platonic friendship. I had always borne in mind that I was a friend of yours."

"Very honorable of you," said Jack, with a peculiar intonation of his voice that might pass for emotion. "I should never have thought that my cousin was capable of a grande passion."

[illegible] whose expressive face manifested supreme contempt, apparently at his cousin's conduct.

"Of course, you will understand that I am not boasting, But only defending myself against your suspicions," said the Hon. Marmaduke, after a pause. "If you doubt what I say I can prove my words."

"How?" demanded Jack, quickly.

The Hon. Marmaduke hesitated a moment, and then produced from his pocket a dainty cigarette case, from which he extracted a letter.

"Read that!" he said, throwing it on the table toward Jack, and resuming his meal with rather ostentatious carelessness.

Jack opened the letter with the air of a man who could hardly believe the evidence of his eyes and ears. After glancing quickly through it he withdrew to one of the windows and read it very deliberately, while the Hon. Marmaduke continued his breakfast with the utmost indifference.

"I say, Carruthers! Will you give me this?" said Jack, advancing suddenly with the letter in his hand.

"I don't think you can ask that," returned the Hon. Marmaduke, rather hastily. "It is the sort of letter which only the lady's husband could claim, and, of course, he knows nothing about it."

"I should have thought you would have destroyed it," said Jack, looking his companion straight in the face.

"I'm afraid you don't know the world as well as I do, my friend," responded the Hon. Marmaduke, coolly, as he replaced the letter in his cigarette case. "I wish Mrs. Ainslie no harm, of course, but I must protect myself. When a woman imagines her affections have been slighted she becomes a dangerous enemy. This letter is my safeguard, and so long as it exists—or rather so long as it remains in my possession—she will not attempt to harm me."

"But you say you will give it up to her husband?" suggested Jack.

"So I would if he should hear of it. In that case, from what I know of Mr. Ainslie, I imagine madam's wings would be clipped," said the Hon. Marmaduke, with a laugh which betrayed his vindictiveness.

"Will you authorize me to use my discretion about telling my cousin's husband of this wretched letter?"

"You can please yourself; but for goodness sake don't imagine I suggest such a course," said the Hon. Marmaduke, with a gleam of triumph in his eyes.

"Of course not. I cannot sufficiently thank you for this interview," returned Jack, with a faint attempt at heartiness. "Shall you look in at the Blenheim to-night in case I want to see you?"

"As likely as not. At all events you know my address," said the Hon. Marmaduke laughingly.

The same evening Jack Harwood entered the smoking-room at the Blenheim in company with Mr. Ainslie. Several members were present, including the Hon. Marmaduke, who, as usual, was the center of an admiring circle of youngsters. The appearance of Mr. Ainslie caused some little stir among the youthful coterie, from which it was evident that some of them, at all events, had heard of the scandal about that gentleman's wife. Jack nodded to the Hon. Marmaduke, and modestly took a seat in the background; but Mr. Ainslie, who looked very pale and determined, stepped into the center of the circle which was formed in front of the fire, and said in a tone of voice which was audible in every part of the room:

"Gentlemen, may I beg your attention for one minute? I am about to take a very unusual course, but, as most of you know, I am one of the oldest members of this club, and you may therefore feel assured that I am acting under careful deliberation."

Every one in the room started up in astonishment, and one might have heard a pin drop the moment afterward. The Hon. Marmaduke raised his eyebrows and glanced toward Jack, who was severely criticising the end of a cigar he had just lighted.

"I regret very much having to intrude my private affairs upon you," resumed Mr. Ainslie, "but my object is to put an end to a painful scandal which has been circulated in the club regarding my wife. It is rumored, I believe, that a member of the club, who is now present, has in his possession a letter of a very compromising nature which was written to him by Mrs. Ainslie."

All eyes were immediately turned toward the Hon. Marmaduke, who seemed not a little disconcerted and sought to hide his confusion in a cloud of tobacco smoke.

"Assuming such letter to ever have been written," continued Mr. Ainslie, "I think all of us will agree that the recipient was in honor bound to keep the fact a secret. In this unhappy instance the gentleman I refer to has been so wanting in good feeling as to talk freely of the letter and its contents in this club to several persons."

"Shame!" cried an old gentleman, energetically, who probably heard of the affair for the first time, whereas the rest of the company looked at one another significantly.

"I refrain from characterizing such conduct as it deserves, said Mr. Ainslie scornfully, "but I call upon the gentleman to produce here, before us all, the letter he has been bragging about."

The Hon. Marmaduke shifted uneasily in his chair and glanced appealingly at Jack, who maintained a stolid expression of countenance. Then he said in a very fine-drawn voice:

"Do you really mean what you say, Mr. Ainslie?"

"I do," was the firm response.

"Very well. But in my turn, gentlemen, I must beg you to bear witness that this disagreeable scene is not of my making. I think I am entitled to ask, after what has passed, that the letter be read," he added, with a sudden access of rage.

"By all means. Ask any of your friends here to read it aloud," said Mr. Ainslie, unhesitatingly.

"Very well. You will regret it, but you will only have yourself to thank," returned the Hon. Marmaduke, who seemed beside himself with anger. "Here! Withers—Rowlands—you read it," he added, throwing the letter across the room with a vicious gesture.

The last named individual unfolded the letter, and after glancing at it looked up with an air of surprise at the Hon. Marmaduke.

"Go on. Read!" said the latter between his clenched teeth.

Thus admonished and further urged by a sign from Mr. Ainslie, Mr. Rowlands read slowly and distinctively as follows:

DEAR MR. CARRUTHERS:—I am grieved to learn that our acquaintance has given rise to gossip among ill-natured persons, and under these circumstances I am sure you will not feel offended if I ask you to discontinue your visits to my house. You will readily understand that it gives me pain to write you thus, but for my husband's sake as well as my own I feel I have no alternative. With our united kind regards, believe me, yours very truly, AMY AINSLIE.

After the reading of the unexpected epistle there ensued a silence more eloquent than words. The Hon. Marmaduke seemed utterly taken aback, and hurriedly brought forth his cigarette case again. This voluntary movement caused a titter in the room, which developed into general laughter when the Hon. Marmaduke, having opened and glanced inside it, replaced it in his pocket with an air of bewilderment. Nothing is more galling than ridicule to a man of the Hon. Marmaduke's temperament, and the general hilarity caused him to lose his head entirely.

"It is a conspiracy, that is not the letter I gave you, Rowlands!" he cried, excitedly.

"What the deuce do you mean by that, Carruthers?" cried Mr. Rowlands, who was a hot-tempered individual. "I will swear this is the letter you handed to me, and I have read it word for word."

Several voices were raised in indignant verification of this statement, and then Hon. Marmaduke found the feeling of the room so strong against him that he apparently considered it would be useless to attempt to offer further explanation. Perhaps, too, he found it impossible to collect his thoughts, for he was trembling with rage and vexation. At all events he rose from his seat and said:

"This matter shall not stop here. I—I will prove that the letter I received was not the one which has been read."

"The subject must, as a matter of course, be brought before the committee," said Mr. Ainslie, as the Hon. Marmaduke walked out of the room, with a futile attempt at dignified bearing. "For my part, gentlemen," he added, addressing an entirely sympathetic audience, "I propose to tender my resignation if the committee choose to accept it. My wife's good name being at stake, I could not afford to be delicate about the means of vindicating it. This letter, which has been so much talked about in the club, has now been produced and read to you, and I think you will agree with me that it effectually disposes of the scandal."

It was rather a singular circumstance that, in spite of his threat, the Hon. Marmaduke made no attempt to bring his grievance before the committee. He contented himself with asserting that Jack Harwood had, at a private interview, substituted another letter for the one Miss Ainslie had written to him. But Jack easily disposed of this accusation, which nobody was inclined to believe, by a contemptuous shrug of his shoulders, and popular indignation was so thoroughly roused at the Hon. Marmaduke's conduct that the most plausible explanation could hardly have saved him. The upshot was that he withdrew his name from the club, thereby anticipating the action of the committee, which at the instance of Mr. Ainslie investigated the affair. No questions were asked of that gentleman, and his resignation was not accepted.

Cholera and Fear.

[Galveston News.]

There is a story in the east of a meeting between a dervish and the cholera in a desert. "Where are you going?" asked the holy man. "To Bagdad," answered the cholera; "I go to kill 20,000 people. Some months afterward the two met again, and the dervish said: "You villain, you lied to me; you killed 60,000." "Not so," replied the cholera; "I killed only my number; the other 40,000 died of fright."

Economical.

A Pittsburg concern is said to make maple sugar of plaster of paris, rice flour, molasses and a little coloring matter, without any sugar at all.

Don't Judge Him Too Harshly.

[Norristown Herald.]

It is reported that King Thebaw has murdered 375 of his relatives since he ascended the throne. He may have had provocation enough. No doubt they were city relatives, and the king, who has a country seat, anticipated a visit from them during the summer. Don't judge the king too harshly until all the facts are known.

And Now.

[Philadelphia Call.]

An American woman has secured a patent for an ash-sifter, and now all that is wanted is a patent contrivance to make a servant girl use it.

A pyramid made of 20,000 plates of fruit will be one of the features of the New Orleans exhibition.

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5.00 A.M.	5.00 A.M.	D Lv... Portland ...Ar	6.30 P.M.	6.00 P.M.
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" Toronto	10.20 P.M.	8.45 A.M.
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11 40 AM	1st	0 Lv... Portland ...Ar	0	12 25 PM
12 25 PM	1st	12 ... East Portland ...	12	11 40 AM
4 25	"	66 Ar... Hood River ...Lv	66	7 40
5 05	"	88 Ar... Dalles ...Lv	88	7 00
6 15	"	88 Lv... Dalles ...Ar	88	6 00
10 15 PM	"	161 Lv... Umatilla ...Ar	161	1 45
10 40 AM	"	200 ... Echo ...	200	11 20 PM
2 30	"	200 ... Pendleton ...	200	10 00
1 45 PM	"	214 Ar... Walla Walla Junction ...Lv	214	11 20 PM
2 05 AM	"	245 ... Walla Walla ...	245	9 00
4 00	"	288 ... Dayton ...	288	7 00
2 35 AM	"	... Palouse Junction ...	...	8 10
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7 00 PM	"	... Colfax ...	...	11 00 AM
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5 45	"	375 ... Spokane Falls ...	375	4 50
10 05	"	408 ... Rathdrum ...	408	2 15
11 00	"	433 ... Missoula ...	433	1 15
7 30 AM	"	703 ... Garrison ...	703	5 00 PM
6 30	"	786 ... Helena ...	786	6 00
5 15 PM	3d	1446 ... Bismarck ...	1446	11 30 AM
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Ar. Port Huron	1.30 A.M.	7.00 A.M.
" London	6.50 A.M.	11.20 A.M.
" Hamilton	6.50 A.M.	1.35 P.M.
" Suspension Bridge	9.05 A.M.	3.15 P.M.
" Buffalo	9.15 A.M.	5.10 P.M.
" Toronto	8.10 A.M.	7.10 P.M.
" Montreal	7.00 P.M.	7.15 A.M.
" Portland	12.35 P.M.	5.20 P.M.
" Boston via Niagara Falls	12.10 A.M.	9.35 A.M.
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Ar. St. Thomas	11.20 p.m.	11.45 p.m.	3.25 a.m.	10.05 a.m.	11.20 p.m.
Ar. Toronto (via C. V. R.)	4.20 p.m.	4.20 p.m.	4.20 p.m.	12.40 p.m.	6.45 p.m.
Ar. Niagara Falls	8.30 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	8.35 p.m.	4.50 p.m.	10.20 p.m.
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ANNEXATION OF JAMAICA.

The discussion in relation to the annexation of Jamaica to Canada still continues in England, and as it proceeds some important points are brought to the surface. On one side Mr. George Baden-Powell has been urging some of the more prominent objections to the proposal from British Canada, and West India standpoints respectively. To these, or the greater part of them, Mr. Henry Berkeley, the solicitor-general for the Leeward Islands, has replied, so that the case is fairly before the public. Mr. Powell first urges against the proposal that the West Indies produce in a year five times the possible Canadian consumption, in reply to which Mr. Berkely points to the rapid growth of the Dominion, and the power Canada would have with a tropical province to compete with the sugar refineries of Germany in the English market, especially as the Canadian government would probably be prepared to meet bounty by bounty. Surely, he says, it adds to the wealth of a country to have more of a given product than she can herself consume. As to the damaging effect West Indian importations would have upon the future Canadian industry of making sugar from beet, Mr. Berkeley asserts that beet sugar-making has been tried in the Province of Quebec, and proved a failure, and that it is therefore imperatively necessary that Canada obtain the raw "manufactur[illegible] where, and where so well as from the West Indies, should they become Provinces? The food of the West Indian population would, moreover, he claims, be cheaper by union with Canada, while the right of representation in the Canadian Parliament would accord to the West Indies that direct access to the central government which every one connected with the colonies knows has been grievously felt. Mr. Berkely goes on to show that in those islands not under the crown colony system, the colonial command of finance has resulted favorably, and also dwells upon the strategic value of the West India colonies, especially having regard to the opening of traffic through the Panama Canal. Either, says Mr. Berkeley, in effect, we must have union with Canada, or we must inevitably become absorbed by the United States, and this strategical value be transferred to the power.

LORD BRAMWELL, though he voted on the Liberal side, pleads, in a letter to the *Times*, that Mr Gladstone should offer a compromise to the Lords by producing his Redistribution Bill. To this proposal, which is, in substance, that of Lord Cowper and all other advocates of compromise, Mr. John Morley replies, in a letter published on Friday, that as Lord Granville, in his answer to Lord Dunraven on July 17th, showed, the debate in the Commons turned almost exclusively on this point, and it was decided by an enormous majority that redistribution should not accompany the franchise. Is the Government to reverse the decision of its own majority? Mr. Morley further argues that no Ministry could be sure of passing any Redistribution Bill it produced, for, not to mention that the Radicals would not swallow it whole, Mr. Parnell might disapprove of the transfer of Irish seats from the South to the North, and this "would inevitably lead to combinations that might easily be fatal to the whole measure." The "only guarantee against such combinations is the certainty that the Franchise Bill would come into operation in any case." That is true, and it is also true that this is the only solid guarantee against the Lords insisting on rejecting any bill not really drawn up by Lord Salisbury. That, as Mr. Morley says, "may be a very indecent hypothesis, but we must take this fallen world as it is."

THE prize of $500 for the best short story, to be selected from among all competitors by a jury of experts, offered by the *Youth's Companion*, of Boston, has just been awarded to Mr. E. W. Thomson, of Montreal. There were seven thousand manuscripts sent in for competition in the four classes into which the competition was divided, and the writers included many persons of celebrity on both sides of the Atlantic. Mr. Thomson is a well-known political writer, and was formerly one of the editorial writers on the staff of the *Globe*.

SOCIAL AND SANITARY.

The practice of visiting the slums of cities by people of wealth and license is becoming popular. At first it was confined to philanthropists upon mercy bent, but in time their role was taken up by thoughtless people for mere amusement. The result, however, has been decidedly beneficial to visitor and visited. It brought the two extremes of society together and naturally drew out sparks of human sympathy which had lain dormant for want of active interest founded upon opportunity. The haunts of vice and crime and their helpmeet, poverty, in the larger cities, have been thoroughly explored by men and women of fashion and station, as well as by those whose daily vocations and drift in life keep them far apart from the lower strata of society. The danger to social order which these visits revealed at once awakened an interest in the subject beyond the mere ephemeral touch of curiosity. It was seen that the very foundation of society—the lower layers of the social fabric—were rotten to the core and that the superincumbent mass of respectability, wealth, rank, title and privilege was in danger of a sudden and fatal collapse. This was a startling revelation to the majority of sightseers in the slums, and with that intentive practical selfishness which is so eminently characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon race, under all circumstances and conditions, the menaced orders set their brains to work to devise measures for ameliorating the evils which are clearly traceable to continuous neglect of social duty by the rich and powerful. How to do it or when to begin, however, was the difficulty. In England the movement took practical shape in Parliamentary action. In Canada we must find some solution to the problem. Real estate interests interpose obstacles. The rank conservatism of the parochial mind is dead set against any change. Traders, even, are opposed to any change which would lift the masses out of the physical and immoral impurities by which they are surrounded, because their methods of profit and gain would be interfered with. But these opposing forces must be destroyed if material improvement is to be effected in the condition of the poor, and the laboring classes of the country; and destroyed they will be, not by the patient and conscientious work of the philanthropist, but by the strong and vigorous recruits, which the fashion of "slumming" has brought to their ranks. They have an opportunity of observing also that there is a great deal of good in the "dangerous classes"—that vast army which stands on the border line of crime, who despair of ever bettering their condition by honest means—and they have been driven toward their unhappy countrymen and women by strong ties of human sympathy and appreciation. This reform movement, social, sanitary and industrial is now well under way in England, and it will grow in strength until it overshadows every [illegible] policy in that country. The franchise cannot safely be extended to the slums of large cities, and it cannot safely be denied the class who inhabit them. Parliament will therefore interpose and devise means whereby the humblest man in England, being honest and of good report, may be raised to the full rank of citizenship.

In Canada we have but little of the extremes of social degredation and social exaltation which characterizes the European system. We have men of great acquired wealth, but they are off and from the people, and are a class apart, who know nothing of the struggles and self-sacrifice of daily life among their fellowmen. They are simple Canadian citizens and enjoy no more rights under the constitution than their hired servants. But in our cities, conditions almost identical with those referred to are growing up and it is the first duty of self-governing communities to see that the evil is checked in the bud. Sanitary measures of the most comprehensive kind should be devised and enforced. Light and pure air should have free play in all Canadian cities and there is no excuse whatever for the creation of fever dens and plague spots in any place on the great continental area of the Dominion of Canada. The sanitary defects of many of our cities and of the great cities in the United States are being dragged into light by local imitation of the English fashing, of "slumming." So far, this is well, and it is to be hoped that the municipal authorities will thereby be stimulated into wholesome activity. It is to the interest of society at large that this should happen because their are no greater checks to crime than cleanliness and wholesome sanitary surroundings. Elsewhere in to-day's TIMES will be found an interesting and readable sketch of that portion of Victoria known as "Chinatown." There is no overdrawing or colouring of the picture presented.

THE report of the Directors which was submitted at the half-yearly meeting of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, in London, Oct. 23d, showed a great reduction in the earnings of the road. There were £79,394 for disision among the shareholders. Sir Henry Tyler, chairman, in speaking concerning the report, which was adopted without debate, proceeded to prove that the reduction of revenue arose from the bad harvest last year, and the consequent diminution of the volume of business, and from other causes wholly beyond human control. The position of the Company, he said, would have been much worse had not the policy of retrenchment, vigorously pursued by the Board, been adopted. He looked forward hopefully to the future. The harvest this year had been exceptionally good, especially in the district served by the Company's roads, and the amount of business to be done would be much greater during the coming winter than it was during the past.

TELEGRAPHIC.

MANITOBA.

Startling News from Winnipeg. The Attorney General Hanged and Burned in Effigy.

AND TO BE DISMISSED.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 31.—A crowd of 3000 people assembled to-night and hanged and burned Attorney General Miller in effigy, on account of the flogging of the prisoner McCormick for escaping from jail. They would also have applied a whipping to his back, but he was in hiding, having received warning. At the Government offices, Premier Norquay was made to promise that he would consider the dismissal of Miller and give answer within two days. It is supposed that Miller will be dismissed. Great excitement prevailed, and the Ninth Battalion was called out, but no collision took place. Mr. Miller has never been very popular with the people here. Some of the leading Conservatives regarded him as the coming local Premier. His recent action gives Premier Norquay an opportunity to dismiss from his cabinet his Attorney General and rival. Recently Mr. Miller's name was struck of the rolls for non-payment of dues. His dismissal will bring about a crisis in the Conservative circle. In the present temper of the country the Liberals could certainly secure control of the House.

Foreign Dispatches.

THE POPE ANGRY.

ROME, Oct. 31.—The Pope is angry at the reported speech of Bishop O'Farrell of Trenton, representing His Holiness as having expressed the hope that Ireland might soon become independent of the government of England. The Pope has cabled the Bishop demanding an explanation.

ITALIAN INTERESTS.

ROME, Oct. 31.—The Italian Government is about to send two cruisers to Congo, to look out for Italian interests.

WILL NOT ANNEX.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Oct. 31.—The Provincial Assembly, by a majority of one, shelved a resolution in favor of the federation of the Australian Provinces and the annexation of New Guinia.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

BERLIN, Oct. 31.—Returns from the elections thus far show the choice of 37 Conservatives, 62 Centres, 15 Imperialists, 20 National Liberals, 15 German Liberals, 9 Alsatians, 9 Poles and 2 of the People's party.

VERY GENEROUS.

PEKIN, Nov. 1.—The Empress of China has offered one-half of her jewels for the defense of her empire against the French invasion.

FOR PANAMA.

PARIS, Nov. 1.—De Lesseps will start for Panama early in February next. The Secretary of the Panama Canal Company ridicules the idea of a French protectorate for Panama.

American Dispatches.

BURNED AT SEA.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—The German steamer Rhein, which arrived to-day from Bremen, reports that on Oct. 25th, at 7 o'clock in the evening, in latitude 49.38, longitude 27.41, she fell in with the Dutch steamer Maasdam, from Rotterdam for New York, which she took on board the passengers and crew, numbering 186 in all, and brought them to this port.

Captain Nanderzel, of the steamship Maasdam, burned at sea, makes the following statement: "Left Rotterdam Oct. 16th with 8 cabin and 133 steerage passengers, and a crew of 45 men. All went well until the 22d, when we encountered a violent gale, during which the petroleum tank commenced leaking. The next day, at 2 p. m. one of the crew, in looking for the leak, placed a lighted lamp near the tank, which exploded with a loud report, the contents taking fire and putting the ship into a blaze. Every effort to control the fire was useless. About 4 p. m. I ordered all hands into the boats. At 9 p. m. we were picked picked up by the steamer Rhein. No one was lost or injured in the slightest degree."

Hanlan Still a Favorite.

A private letter to a gentleman in this city, says the Toronto Mail, written by his brother, who witnessed the race, has the following: No doubt you will be anxious to hear full accounts of the great boat race—namely, the defeat of Hanlan—which I for one, believe was not upon its merits. I do not mean to say that the Tomki, the steamer which fouled Hanlan had much to do with it, as Beach, who was trained to perfection, was undoubtedly the best man on that day, while Hanlan was not himself, and you will, no doubt, say so after reading all accounts enclosed. I am satisfied that Hanlan is the faster man. To see him leave Beach at the very start, and Beach, I am sure, can't make better headway than he did then, justifies my opinion. The next race—don't know when, you'll see accounts of last night's meeting enclosed—I intend laying all I can upon Hanlan. On last race I lost nothing, as the odds were too great for my pocket.

Letters Held for Postage

Letters for the following are held at the office for postage:

C Alexander, Sumas; W B Bilyea, Albany, Or; Henry Cullen, Port Townsend; Robert Diko, San Francisco; J Frank, Irondale, W T; W W Holcomb, Seattle; Miss M A Honeyman, Portland, Or; Mrs C H Hosg. Suver, Or; E E Johnson, Idaho Spring, Col; R Kimberly, Esquimalt; Kwong Joy, New Westminster; Kwong On Wong, Savonas Fry; Mrs A Lindsay, Yale; John Murray, Spencer Bridge; Peter Olesen, Esquimalt; Post Master, Bangor, Me; George Plum, San Francisco; Mrs B Pritchard, Seattle; Quong Sam Long, San Francisco; Mrs Bella Simpson, Washington, D C; Mrs M A E Wells, Caleb, Or; Mrs J E Smith, Caleb, Or; Wing Mou Leung, Portland, Or.

Awarded a Contract.

We hear that Mr. G. B. Wright has been awarded the contract for clearing the right of way between the Eagle Pass Landing and the Columbia. It is possible that he will likewise be awarded a considerale contract on construction, by Mr. Onderdonk. Mr. Wright is employing a large number of men, to whom he is paying $2.75 per day for axemen. Fifty are wanted an once in this city. Mr. Wright telegraphed to the Sound for fifty men, but seven only responded. Mr. Edgar Marvin is Mr. Wright's agent in this city.

Died.

—Mr. Charles R. Watkins, bookkeeper for Mr. Thomas Earl, who has been sick for two weeks, with fever, died at his residence on View street at noon to-day.

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LATEST FROM THE EAST.

Mr. Justice Gwynne, of the Supreme Court, has obtained six months leave of absence and will spend the winter in Bermuda for the benefit of his health.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's car of Manitoba products is taking its full rounds. In the course of a year or so British Columbia will likewise have a car of its own for exhibition in the east.

The expenditure of Winnipeg for the coming year has been fixed at $300,000, and the rate of taxation at 16.88 mills. This later is on an assessment at least double of what it should be.

A Port Arthur despatch says information was received to-day of the terrible accident yesterday on McLeod's contract at Red Sucker Cove, 170 miles east. A powerful blast started a large ledge of rock, which in its fall buried six men. Three bodies had been removed up to this evening.

NEWS NOTES.

A petition for the submission of the Scott act in the counties of Leeds and Grenville has been deposited with the Secretary of State.

Mrs. Langtry has achieved great things as Pauline. Manchester papers speak of her performance as a veritable triumph quite worthy of Mr. Coghlan's splendid Claude Melnotte.

Lower California claims to have three mountains of alum and one of alum and sulphur mixed. The alum and sulphur are almost chemically pure. The amount of alum is estimated at 100,000,000 tons, and of sulphur 1,000,000 tons.

A Chinese pamphlet against Europeans has been published in Hong Kong. It asserts that the Europeans are not human beings at all, but wild animals descended from monkeys. They worship neither the heavens nor the earth. They do not honor their parents nor ancestors. They come into China pretending to preach a religion which they do not, practice themselves, and forcibly introduce vice and crime into that country.

Messrs. Hampton & Hawley have struck a splendid phosphate mine on a property adjacent to the Tryon road, K. & P. railroad, near Kingston. The vein is rich and broad, and the prospect is that very large quantities of the fertilizer will be secured. The miners purchased the property at a low figure, but since the discovery have been offered and refused $6,000 for it.

An International Beauty Show.

The Paris correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph says: "A committee has been formed in Paris for the purpose of organizing a beauty show. The competition will be an international one, and it is intended to throw it open to females between twenty and thirty years of age only. Intending competitors are asked to communicate with the committee, which is actually established at No. 41 Rue de Lille, and where photographs of the candidates will be taken as a preliminary measure. The first prize to be given is a splendid diamond necklace. The show will be brought to a close by a charitable fete at the Hotel Continental. The idea of holding this extraordinary show comes from Peath, which has already had its "Concours de Beautes." The energetic persons who endeavoured to organise the baby show are evidently intent on amusing the Parisians somehow."

They Return Home.

The party of railway and steamboat officials of the Northern Pacific and the O. R. & N. companies who have been in this city since Thursday last, returned on the Geo. E. Starr this morning. They express themselves as being highly pleased with the result of their visit and leave with hopes that in future the merchants of Victoria will have no reason to complain of the treatment at the hands of either of the above transportation companies. Mr. Hannaford, general freight agent of the Northern Pacific, was highly complimentary to Victoria, saying that it was one of the most substantial business centres he has ever seen as well as one of the most attractive places.

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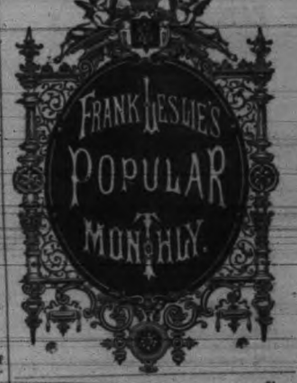

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The Daily Times.

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Victoria, Saturday, Nov. 1, 1884.

CITY AND PROVINCE.

—Considerable snow has fallen on the Olympian range the past few days.

—The Liberal League will meet in the Theater Royal to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock.

—The North Pacific brought thirty-nine tons of freight to-day, most of which was through.

—It is announced that an an interesting address will be delivered at the Blue Ribbon meeting to-night.

—Rev. W. W. Percival will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian Church, to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

—The bark Lady Head, which sailed from London last month for Victoria, brings a full cargo to the Hudson Bay Company.

—An injunction was granted yesterday by Sir M. B. Begbie, restraining the city of New Westminster from selling Merchant Square in that city.

—The building known as Buckley's Hall, on Yates street, is being fitted up by a number of young men for a gymnasium and reading room.

—In Supreme Court yesterday in the case of Steinberger vs. Dooley, an action to recover possession of lot 13, Spring Ridge, judgment was given for the defendant with cost.

—Some of the friends and members of the Baptist Church gave the pastor, Rev. Mr. Barss, a pleasant surprise party last evening, and left substantial reminder in the way of house furnishings, etc.

—A dispatch from Washington states that Capt. R. W. De Lion has been recognized by the U. S. Government as Vice Consul ad interim of Chile, at Port Townsend. Captain De Lion is well-known in Victoria, often visiting the city on business.

—The steamer North Pacific to-day brought the following passengers from the Sound: B D Sabourn, J C Stutt, J Boynton, J Campbell, Ralph White, A Hudson and wife, W Templeman, G Hauxhurst, John Parker and wife, Mrs Calvert, J F Jones and daughter.

—The steamship Geo. W. Elder which sailed from San Francisco Thursday morning, has the following cabin passengers for Victoria: F O'Brien, T P Lynch, H T Keefer, J P Nagle, P Cohn, W Y Wilson, Mrs. Redgrave, J D Warren, J H Liddle, Loo Chee Wing.

—There is a dangerous hole in the middle of the street, corner of Johnson and Wharf. If not repaired before dark a lantern should be placed there, or a serious accident may be the result. The hole is about two feet deep and was caused by the wooden sewer becoming rotten and caving in.

—The steamer Eliza Anderson brought the following passengers to-day from Seattle: Mrs McMicken, H Morgan, J Winters, M Queny, A Fenning, P Javatta, A Taylor, Miss Sprague, Mrs Benedict, J P Pickering, Wm McCandy, J P Pomeroy, Bell McMillan, J A Black and one Indian. She also brought freight for J. Gosnell.

—Mr. Robt. Irving, the new agent of the O. R. & N. Co., in this city will open his office in the C. P. N. Co.'s building. His office will be on the ground floor where a railing will separate him from the C. P. N. Co.'s business departments. The location is a good one, being in the centre of business and convenient to the class of people who will be most likely to call upon Mr. Irving for information in regard to the freight.

AMUSEMENTS.

Philharmonic Hall.—To-night the Geo. C. Miln Dramatic Company will give their last performance. The play of "Macbeth" has been selected for the occasion, and as it will no doubt be a long time before another such able actor visits Victoria, all theater goers should avail themselves of the opportunity and attend. Critics who have seen Miln in this play speak in the highest terms of his acting, and are positive in their belief that it is one of his strongest pieces. Miss Payn is said to take the part of "Lady Macbeth" in a most charming manner.

New Theater Royal.—The Theater Royal troup having returned from their tour across the line, will open again in Victoria on Monday night next. This company under the excellent management of Mr. Geo. T. Snow has improved wonderfully and are deserving of success. They will open with "Rosedale," a drama, which has met with great favor wherever it has been presented.

The Marionettes.—On Tuesday evening next the Deaves Brothers' Imperial Marionettes will open in Philharmonic Hall for a season. The entertainments are most interesting and are highly spoken of by the press wherever they have played.

Wretched Streets.

Complaints are becoming numerous as to the wretched condition of our streets. Those that are used for heavy traffic are in a deplorable condition and demand immediate attention. The city fathers may have already expended all the money at their disposal for the year and offer that as a plea that the streets cannot be repaired. If so it will be unfortunate for the city and its reputation, and possibly may lead to litigation through accidents. One Councilor, who opposed granting a two foot side walk for the benefit of about one hundred school children, has succeeded in spending a large sum in front of his own property in rock blasting, deemed by many as an entirely unnecessary work. Still with many Councilors it was ever thus.

A Seven Day Paper.

It is rumored that one of the objects of the recent visit of the propietor of our morning contemporary, the Colonist, to San Francisco, was to study the method of publishing the seven day newspapers of that city, with the view to introducing a similar system in Victoria.

Missionary Services.

On Sunday morning next Rev. D. Fraser will preach the anniversary sermon of the Metodist Missionary Society in the Methodist Church, Pandora street. In the evening the annual Missionary Meeting will be held in the same church, chair to be taken at 7 o'clock. Collection in aid of missions, morning and evening.

MARINE NOTES.

The steam schooner Anna Beck, Capt. Banlin, arrived here this morning from Port Moody with a cargo of cedar lumber for Mr. Charles Hayward.

Steamship Barnard Castle, Captain Smith, sailed from San Francisco yesterday for Nanaimo.

The Glasgow Herald advises Americans to give up eating pie and hot cakes and substitute oatmeal porridge for them. If they should do so, it thinks they would be a calmer, a less lively, a less speculative, a less bombastic, and a happier people.

VICTORIA'S SLUMS.

China on the Pacific Coast—Beer Dives and Opium Joints.

CRIME & PROSTITUTION RAMPANT

Sad Scenes—Chinese Theater Societies—Great Increase—Seventeen Gambling Dives.

CHINESE TEMPLES & BUILDINGS.

THE CHINESE QUARTER

In this city is the very paradise of "slummers." It has been visited by every distinguished stranger who set foot in the city since the filthy name of Chinatown became a theme of wide comment, and it has disgusted more visitors than any other municipal dump-heap in the country. A TIMES reporter is convinced that this Canadian China is one of the most crowded spots on earth. Such a claim can be maintained for the two blocks in this city bounded by Johnson street, Store street, Fisguard street, and Government street. The buildings are low, the layers of humanity are thick and few places are to be found holding worse squalor and closer crowding. This square is solidly composed of two story buildings and filthy rookeries, divided into small apartments about 6x10 feet each, representing at least four persons to each apartment. The number of residents is estimated at over three thousand. Fix in your mind some town with that population and then imagine it compressed into a single city block! The internal arrangements of these shanties in which are herded this moving mass of corruption are more horrible than the outside filth. In the vicinity are

BEER DIVES

Of the lowest grade frequented by vagrants and lost and fallen men and women, whose scanty attire has no pretence of decency. Even young men just starting in a downward career and mothers of constantly increasing broods, whose only heritage is misery are there, and yet these vile tenements, these dens of disease, poverty, and immorality flourish in this Chinese cesspool of inequity. We do not seem to realize that such action is equal to the social murders which continue in light or darkness to darken modern civilization. Knowing that considerable opium is consumed in Victoria, curosity led us to visit the opium dens or "joints," as they are more frequently termed by smokers.

THE OPIUM "JOINTS"

These are not grand establishments with gorgeous trappings and magnificent temples; so often depicted by sensational writers in the east; where the sleepy God can be wooed and man slumber under the blissful influence of the poppy juice. As near as we can ascertain there are eleven regular "joints" in the city, but this number does not include the many places connected with the laundries where large quantities of opium are daily consumed and which are accessable only to the Mongolian. The principal "joint" in the city is situated off Fisguard street, and is run by an old broken down Chinaman known to the police as "William" who has smoked himself almost into the grave. Entering the den through a narrow, dark, death breeding stench alley, the reporter found himself face to face with a shadowy, skeletonized Mongolian, and was shown into a back room about 6x10 containing two large bunks, made by covering a rough board platform with two or three old blankets and a couple of dirty looking pillows for the head. Upon the bunk stands the "lay-out" consisting of a bamboo stem, several clay or stone bowls, a yen-hock, resembling a knitting needle, a crooked hook to clean the bowl, a lamp and a glass globe evidently made by grinding the bottom of a goblet, making a hole one inch in diameter through which the flame protrudes, and then a hop-toy to hold the pernicious drug; this constitutes the magnificent paraphernalia of a Victoria opium "joint" or rather the back room of a third rate wash house. Here is a

SAD SCENE.

On one bunk lies a young man of fine physique, well-known in the city, who possesses promising elocutionary ability, but who is rapidly being transformed into a "regular pipe fiend;" aspirations all gone, and a few short months will transfer him beyond the limits of hope. Near by on another bunk are three or four Chinamen in a semi-state of insensibility, and to complete this motley crowd is a white girl, N. F. Davins' "beautful young lady," known as Clara Kinsella. Here she may be found any night reigning supreme; a Chinese idol in this filthy hell-hole of corruption, one of the most depraved and degraded of God's creatures in the city. One Sunday night not long since a respectably dressed woman, in rather a staggering condition, with incoherent speech, might have been seen standing on the steps of the Methodist church, Pandora street, calling for her daughter whom she claimed was morally lost. In a trembling and supplicant manner she begged a gentleman to find her child. If she had a daughter her search was useless; she walked away in the direction of Cormorant street, and in a couple of hours afterwards was thoroughly under the influence of the fascinating drug, lying in the most disgusting condition, in one of the vilest "joints" at the rear of the theatre building between Cormorant and Fisguard streets. The reporter was informed that some white women "smoke" but the "lay-out" is taken to their houses. This probably refers to certain of the demi-monde who are addicted to the use of the drug. As a rule, however, the Chinese object to female patrons on account of a Chinese superstition that women bring bad luck. Leaving this "joint" a step across a filthy alley brings us to the door of the new

CHINESE THEATRE

This is a large two-story building, fitted up for the presentation of the Chinese drama. This theatre was built by a company the present year, at a cost of $3800. It has a seating capacity of about eight hundred. It is nightly packed with the delighted heathens, who seem to enjoy the play, (unintelligible to the Canadian) which is interspersed with the discordant music from the orchestra, which consists of pounding on a copper gong, brass symbols, and a bamboo fiddle. The stage is well lighted up, and a blaze of glory and lights from lanterns shines over many yellow visaged men. There is another theatre on Store street. This is the oldest, and is owned by the Tai Soong Co. At present a troupe from Portland, Oregon, is playing there, and the Oriental splendour of the costumes contrast strangely with the dirt and the heterogeneous mass of humanity which is here stored away without any reference to the decencies of existence. We are now near the corner of Fisguard street. A murder was committed here not long ago, and so far the efforts of the police have proved futile in tracing the guilty one. It is almost impossible to bring to justice a Chinese law breaker, murder and thief alike are protected, and every effort is made by them to prevent the strong arm of the law reaching the guilty. They have their own benevolent and charitable

SOCIETIES

for mutual protection, council boards and benevolent associations from which an allowance of fifty cents a week is paid an invalid or disabled member. All the societies have very good rooms and places of meeting in the new brick buildings which have gone up in Chinatown the past year. Commencing at the lower end of Fisguard street, there is another evil which takes a most intrusive and violent form. It is a standing disgrace that so-called Christian men who own and control a large amount of property in Chinatown, lease their property for the most infamous purposes of

PROSTITUTION.

On Fisguard and Cormorant streets there is a large collection of rookeries tenanted by Chinese harlots of the lowest class, and it is the fact of their patronage and the availability of the property for purposes of prostitution that enables the property owner to secure a very high rent. On Fisguard street alone there are some thirty-four places of prostitution—not any of them larger than the usual 6x10—and as near as can be ascertained the occupants number at least one hundred and sixteen who ply their nefarious traffic in the most brazen manner. If these dens of disease are not cleaned out we may, ere long, be called upon to fight a scourge of leprosy, cholera and fevers that will cause mourning in many Victoria households. It is almost impossible to learn the exact rent paid for these rookeries, but it is more than $1000 a month, and for any other purpose except prostitution and gambling, the property would not realize $100 per month, hence the property holder is directly pecuniarly interested in the continuance of Chinese prostitution and gambling. Were the Chinese here to decrease, the value of present high rental incomes for illicit business would fall rapidly and before it is too late these fine business streets with water frontage might be redeemed and flourish with the enterprise of a Christian people. The cry is, "the Chinese must go," still no effort is made to change the state of affairs above referred to, but on the other hand a bid is persistently made for their trade and exorbitant rents demanded and paid to some so-called moral men and self-styled leaders of public opinion.

A GREAT INCREASE.

In 1881 there were, in Victoria, within the boundaries referred to, sixty-nine places of business, at the present writing there are three hundred and thirteen. Out of this number two hundred and seventy-seven either deal in lottery or gamble in the rear of their shops. Some of these are regular gambling establishments and the wily heathen seem to carry on a most extensive business. There are

SEVENTEEN REGULAR GAMING DIVES

And they don't care to have any whites around. It seldom happens that the temples of tan are open to others than the Mongolian and they have not been so cautious and hard pushed, as at present. The police keep a strict watch on their movements. Occasionally a dealer will be in possession of a "lucky tan stick" and will be loath to part with it. If any trouble is suspected from the authorities they generally manage to wash the evidence of the game down their closets before they can be intercepted. In such cases the paraphernalia is locked in the safe (they all have one) which is a small wrought iron affair with a two-inch sandwich of cement between the outer and inner walls. There is a strict law and heavy penalty on the Canadian statute book for gaming and lottery and it should be strictly enforced. If we are sincere that the "Chinese must go" we have law enough already to take away some of their most cherished customs and stop much of the vice that now rages rampant in Chinatown. As will be seen by the customs statistics there is a large amount of the raw poppy imported to the Province. This is all manufactured into opium in Chinatown. There are

NINE OPIUM FACTORIES

Fitted up with all the necessary and modern improvements, opium safes, etc. It costs about $10,000 to operate one of these factories. The money for stock is required to be sent to China in advance, the poppy is then shipped and there is a constant shipping of the needful and receiving of the drug all the year round. The high tariff in the United States causes this industry in Victoria to be a most remunerative one. The duty on the manufactured article is $5 per pound. A new factory has not long since been built and fitted up at a cost of $6800; and although considerable manufactured opium was imported into the country last year. Victoria bids fair to be the center of the opium trade in Canada which seems to be increasing, both in production and use to an alarming extent.

THE CHINESE TEMPLES.

There are two Chinese Temples in Chinatown resplendent with gold and silver looking glass ornaments, and other Chinese decorations. The interior of the Temple on Fisguard street on great occasions and fete days, as in the case of the Devils festival last week, are filled with figures of men, horses, and tigers of grotesque shape and horrible countenance. The air is filled with the odor of burning sandal wood. The service on the lower floor of the sanctuary is conducted by two Chinese priests attired in red and white, with Chinese Alcolytes dressed in blue. These intone prayers and go through with curious ceremonies entirely beyond the comprehension of the uninitiated. A Chinese orchestra at intervals furnishes music. The Devil's festival lasts three days and nights, and its object is to offer sacrifice to the numerous devils which are supposed to interfere so much with Chinese affairs. It is called the festival of Du Chew. Chinese theology is made up on the principle which actuated the negro who, when badly frightened exclaimed, "Good Lord, good devil;" only the Chinese say the Lord is so good that they need not propitiate him. It is, therefore, the numerous devils that are around that the orthodox Chinaman tries to get on the right side of. They are strict in the observance of their idolatrous customs, and with reference to their dead they are absurd and ridiculous in the extreme. It is strange to see in a

CHRISTIAN BURIAL GROUND

Graves decorated with the choicest viands which the market affords, offered as a sacrifice to the God of their worship. In the City Cemetery, a large alter of stone besmeared with grease, candles and filth is allowed to stand a monument to their idolatrous worship. It seems to us that this is a terrible disgrace to a Christian community. That the sacred spot set aside for the burial of our dead kindred, in a civilized land, should be polluted by the interment of a heathen people and cursed by the practices of their barbarous customs.

NEW BUILDINGS.

Upon looking up building statistics we find that an immense amount of money has been expended in Chinatown during the past nine months. There are, however, only three Chinese land-owners in the city, and the buildings erected with Chinese money are built on leasehold property. The Chinese are rapidly spreading as far north as Chatam street, and east to Douglas. Twenty-three buildings have been erected in Chinatown since the 1st of January last at an aggregate cost of $73,800. Out of this number about $19,000 has been expended by the Chinese, Quong Lee being the largest investor, and the balance by white property-holders for Chinese tenancy. In that portion known as Hongkong, buildings to the value of $12,400, have been erected: A new building is in course of erection on Cormorant street, which will cost $7000. These facts show great foothold the Chinese are fast getting in the city, and it is especially notable when we consider that the amount is equal to that expended in all other portions of the city combined, and that the accommodations thus afforded will support four to one in favor of Chinese.

THE GRAND BALL.

A Highly Successful Affair—Large Number of Ladies and Gentlemen in Attendance.

The grand ball tendered by the citizens of Victoria to Admiral Lyons, of Her Majesty's Navy, took place last night and passed off in a most gratifying manner. The Skating Rink had been fitted up for the occasion and presented a truly beautiful appearance. Flags and evergreens had been tastefully arranged in various parts of the hall, giving it a brilliant and attractive appearance, such as the occasion would justly demand. A motto in large lettere made of gas jets, "Welcome to Admiral Lyons," was much admired. Many beautiful costumes were worn by the ladies and diamonds and other costly ornaments were displayed by many. Following is a list of those present:

Angus W Mr and Mrs. Anderson J B Mr and Mrs. Anderson Mrs. Atkinson M R.

Brand Capt (H M S Swiftsure), Barnard R S Mr and Mrs, Byrn R Mr and Mrs, Bullen W F Mr and Mrs, Baker Mrs. Burnette Mrs, Bush by Miss, Blacklock Mrs, Bodwell E V Mr Mrs and Miss, Bodwell E V Mr Jr, Borden T B, Bonwick Mrs, Burns G H, Bowll E M, Balantyne C G, Ball Capt H M, Begbie Sir M B, Brealy H, Bell H F, Bowman W G, Bowden Misses, Bole N, Bennett Wm, Boscowitz J.

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Finlayson R Mr Mrs and Misses, Fort Townsend Officers, Fisher Mr Mrs and Misses, (Metchosin).

Gun room officers (H M S Swiftsure), Gun room officers (Satellite), Green A A Mr and Mrs, Goodacre L Mr and Mrs, Griffiths J Mr and Mrs, Goss W R Mr and Mrs, Gosnell W J Mr and Mrs, Galley Miss, Gray Misses, Gamble Mr and Mrs, Gamble A G, Gravely W, Gray A R Mr and Mrs, Gray F.

Helmcken Dr Mr H and Miss, Holmes Byron, Mr and Mrs, Harvey R Mr Mrs and Miss, Higgins D Wm Mrs and Miss, Higgins W R, Holmes Col and Mrs, Hickey Dr and Mrs (Naval), Holmes Thos Mrs, Hannaford J M, Heckman Mr, Harris D R Mr and Mrs.

Innes J H mr mrs and misses, Jones Capt A W, Jones C S mr and mrs, Johnstone m T mr and mrs, Jackson R E mr and mrs, Irving Capt and mrs, Jones mrs, Johns J R H mr and mrs, Jones mr mrs and misses, Jackson mrs and miss, (Hillside).

Kent H mr and mrs, Keefer G F mr and mrs, King mrs E, Keast mrs and miss, Kurtz D mrs, King Tye.

Lyons Vice Admiral and staff, Langley A J mr and miss, Lawson miss, Lubbe mr and mrs, Lestyratt, mr and miss, Loewen, mr and mrs, Leadbeater miss, Leggatt C J, Lowenberg Ld, Lun Chung.

Mainwaring Comdr (Swiftsure), Marvin Mr and Mrs, Munro A Mr and Mrs Sr, Macdougal Mrs, Moffatt Mr and Mrs, McKay Mrs and Miss D B, Miles Mrs, McNeil Miss, Matthews Dr and Miss, Moore Miss, McKenzie K Mr Mrs and Miss, McTavish Mrs & Miss, Monatt Mr mrs and Misses, Munro Miss, McLean Mr and Mrs, McDonald C N, Munro A K, McQuade E, Miles Dr and Mrs, Marvin E Jr, McQuade Mr and Mrs Milligan, J.

Neufelder E C Mr and Mrs, Ness Mr and Mrs, Nason Senator.

Onderdonk Mr and Mrs Oppenheimer Mr and Mrs, Oppenheimer D Mr and Mrs, Oppenheimer, G Mrs, O'Reilly P Mr and Mrs, O'Reilly F.

Pooley E C Mr and Mrs, Powell Dr Mr and Miss, Pratt Mr and Mrs, Prior E G Mr and Mrs, Peers Misses, Petrie Miss, Pemberton A P Mr and Mrs, Perry C E, Phipps Mr and Misses, Pike W M, Payne Lieutenant, Pearse F, Preston Mr, Pinder A G J.

Redfern C E Mr and Mrs, Ross A W Mr and Mrs, Rithet R P Mr and Mrs, Raymur Jas Mr Mrs, Rhodes Mrs and Miss, Benoent Mrs and Miss, Redfern Mrs Sen, Roberts S A, Reycroft H B, Raymur Geo.

Shotbolt T Mr and Mrs, Stevens Col mrs and miss (US Consul), Smith miss, Saunders H mr and mrs, Skinner miss, Sehl Jacob mr mrs and miss, Stroose C, Stokes A L.

Theobald Capt (Satellite), Tye T H mr and mrs, Troup mr and mrs, Thompson Capt and mrs, Trutch Hon J W and mrs, Tolmie Dr and misses, Tatlow mr and mrs, Tuck mrs, Tytler mr and mrs, Todd J H mr and mrs, Tolmie R, Tai Yuen, Tai Soong, Thompson C W R, Thompson, R B.

Upton Miss, Van Valkenburg mr and mrs, Vowell A W, Vernon F G mr and mrs, Vidler Capt and mrs.

Wardroom officers Swiftsure, wardroom officers Satellite, Ward W C mr mrs and miss, Ward R mr and mrs, Wilson Chas mr and mrs, Walkem Judge and mrs, Wootton S, Wilmot mrs, Wright Maria miss, Williams R mr and mrs, Wolfenden Capt and mrs, Wake G mr and mrs, Watson miss, Wake mrs and miss, Work mrs, Wallace miss, Wylie L mr and mrs, Woods misses, Wilson J, Wellman miss, Weymouth Lord, Walker H B.

Yates J S, Young J J, mr and misses.

An excellent programme had been arranged which was as follows:

1.	Lancers	Royal Edinburgh
2.	Valse	Maid of Kent
3.	Polka	Tommens Galiedi
4.	Valse	Madame Angot
5.	Valse	Reve d'Amour
6.	Valse	Goddess Myrthen
7.	Polka-Mazurka	In silks and satins
8.	Lancers	Knight of St. Patrick
9.	Valse	Promenaden
10.	Valse	Senators Flight
11.	Galop	Carrion
12.	Valse	Estudiantina
13.	Valse	In the Twilight
14.	Polka	Midshipmite
15.	Valse	My Queen
16.	Lancers	Varsity
17.	Valse	Burlesque
18.	Polka	Casino Tauze
19.	Valse	Venitia
20.	Valse	

The band from H. M. S. Swiftsure, under the leadership of Mr. Bird, furnished the music for the dancers, which, it is unnecessary to add, was most delightful. Altogether the evening was a successful and pleasant one and will long be remembered by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. P. Sabaston, a well known steamboat man of Nanaimo, is at the Oriental.

Edward Pearson, Esq., J. P., of Boston Bar, is in the city and registered at the Oriental.

Mr. Robt. Irving, the new agent of the O. R. & N. Co., is making the Oriental his headquarters.

Mr. William Ward, of the Cape Fox Cannery, will remain several days in the city. He is stopping at the Oriental.

Mr. Robert Beaven's many friends will be pleased to learn that the Hon. gentleman is rapidly progressing towards convallesence.

Mr. Richard Hall is improving. His attack of illness has been a long and serious one. His complete recovery is now looked for at an early day.

Mr. F. N. Gisborne, F.R.S.C., Superintendent of the Dominion Telegraph service, left this morning for Canada, after having successfully laid the straits cable. Mr. Gisborne returns by way of Portland and San Francisco, and will stop a day or two in Chicago.

Joseph Cook Coming.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Joseph Cook for the delivery of one of his famous lectures in this city. The Philharmonic Hall has been secured for the 18th inst., when he will give his lecture on "Failures of Unbelief" which is a reply to Historical Scepticism and modern Religions doubt in its latest aspects.

A MINING ROMANCE.

Interesting History of a Rich Silver Mine in Peru.

The New York Mining Journal tells the following interesting story:

Under the Spanish regime in Peru, as far back as 1660, one of the richest silver mines was that known as the Manto, owned by two Andalusian Spaniards, the brothers Jose and Caspar Salcedo, and the mineral was found in large deposits of virgin silver, which was sent directly to the mint at Arequipa just as it came from the mine. Quite a large city, San Luis de Alva, soon grew up around the habitations of the Salcedos, to which resorted the wild, adventurous spirits from all quarters of Peru, in quest of some share in the wonderful output of silver, whether by craft or force. Soon a feud broke out between the Andalusians and the Biscayans, who had come to outnumber the former. Bitter conflicts took place, and in one of these, it is said, as many as a thousand men of the two parties were left on the field of battle. The incessant bloody disturbances finally provoked the Spanish Viceroy. Don Pedro Fernandezsy Andrade Conde de Lemos, to go to the scene with a considerable force, in June, 1868. He burned San Luis de Alva to the ground and took away from it the title of city, which was transferred to the neighboring village of San Juan Bautista, with the name San Carlos de Puno. Don Jose de Salcedo sought to placate the Viceroy by the bars of silver with which he had paved the pathway from San Luis to his own house for the Viceroy to walk upon, but while the silver was accepted, the unfortunate Salcedo was placed in irons. The same night there was affixed to the door of the lodgings of the viceroy these words: "Count de Lemos, abate your zeal, for if not we shall see." This pasquin so to speak, having been carried to the viceroy, he wrote beneath it: "We shall kill. We shall hang. Afterward we shall see." This was then reattached to the door, the chiefs of both parties were hung and Don Jose de Salcedo was strangled at the mouth of his rich silver mine, which was confiscated to the crown of Spain. The other brother, Don Gaspar, who meanwhile had fled to Spain, demanded restitution of the property and justice before the council of the Indies for the execution of Don Jose, by whose death he declared the Spanish crown was a great loser, inasmuch as the mine when worked by them had paid to the king in the preceding two years and a half as much as $1,774,000 as the crown's share of the whole product of $3,700,000. After seven lears of solicitation he gained his suit and recovered possession of the property. But meanwhile all his fortune had been spent in Spain, and the mine, having been left unworked, was filled with water; consequently he was wholly unable to meet the expense of reopening and working it. So he died in poverty, after having been possessed of an enormous forjune. Subsequently others ruined in the effort to rid El Manto of the water, until it fell into the possession of English parties, who have managed to work it profitably again.

President Arthur's Engagement.

It has been announced on good authority that President Arthur will be married in Washington in the month of January to Miss Tillie Frelinghuysen. Miss Tillie is the eldest child of Secretary Frelinghuysen. She is a tall and slender blonde, with clear-cut features, a shapely low forehead, brown hair, gray eyes and a somewhat pallid face, and although not what is called a handsome woman, has a stately and commanding presence. Her youngest sister is Mrs. John Davis, wife of the Assistant Secretary of State. The remainder of Frelinghuysen's family consists of Miss Lucy, Frederick, George Griswold a lawyer of this city, and married and Theodore, engaged to Miss Alice Coates, daughter of the great thread manufacturer.

President Arthur is 54 years old, and has been a widower for five years His first wife was Miss Ellen Herndon, daughter of Lieutenant Herndon, of the United States navy. Since his accession to the Presidency, his sister, Mrs. McElroy of Albany, has taken charge of the White House. His family consists of two children—Allan, aged 21, a student at Princeton, and Nellie, aged 13, whose name has become a household word throughout the land.

About the Collision.

Seattle Chronicle: "It was stated in this paper that at the time of the collision of the Queen of the Pacific and the collier Wellington, in Victoria harbor, that the pilot, Dan Morrison, was intoxicated. It now appears that Mr. Morrison was not at the time in charge of the ship, as he has no liceuse for that harbor. The captain had charge of the ship, which relieves Mr. Morrison of all responsibility. Captain Tibbals stated to a reporter of the Chronicle that he had known Mr. Morrison for the past twenty-five years, and never knew him to be intoxicated. The mistake arose from supposing Mr. Morrison to be in charge of the ship, and several gentlemen of Victoria, in order to shield the captain, made the statement as first published in the Chronicle."

The Chronicle does right in taking back its false charges against Captain Morrison, but it still endeavors to shield the Queen from any blame. This is wrong. Captain Young is one of the ablest and most reliable commanders on the Pacific waters, and there is no danger of his deliberately running into another vessel, which the Chronicle would have its readers believe.

Official Changes.

Important changes in the staff of the telegraph office in this city take place to-day. Miss Maclure, who, for close upon four years, has so creditably and efficiently discharged the duties of manager here, has asked for and been granted leave of absence till the 1st of January. Miss Maclure has been in the service many years, during which time she has occupied responsible positions in connection with the profession. Everywhere she has commanded the respect and esteem of the public, and especially so that of the business community, whose well wishes for her future welfare she carries with her. It is not likely she will enter the service again. Mr. W. F. Archibald, an old employee in the service, arrived from Westminster this afternoon to assume the position vacated by Miss Maclure. This gentleman is likewise a very popular officer. The other members of the staff will remain as heretofore.

Minnie Cummings, an actress, has obtained a verdict of $25,000 against Police Officer William B. Davis and Delia Murphy, dressmaker, in an action brought for false arrest and imprisonment.

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CHINESE SAILORS.

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The Boston Budget contains the following: Capt Davis, of the steamship Pembrokeshire, has had years of experience in trading at Chinese ports, and has employed the Chinamen regularly on board his ship in various capacities. In speaking of the characteristics of the Chinese when afloat, he said that they were unexcelled as firemen aboard the steamers. They work twelve hours out of twenty-four in the stockhole, where the temperature averages 110 degrees constantly. The labor of shoveling coal is very severe. As seamen on deck and aloft they are not so good. They have the physical strength to pull on a rope, but they are not sailors.

'How will they compare with Frenchmen in that respect?" was asked.

"They are not as good sailors, but they have great endurance."

"Have they any pluck?"

"Plenty of it in defending themselves about decks. The white sailors do not impose on them aboard ship. They can take their own part every time. If you compare them in this respect with the Frenchmen, I should say that in a stand up fight the Chinaman would knock out his opponent. But when you come to man a ship with Chinese and expect them to make a first-class crew, you find yourself in a bad predicament. The Chinese navy has no show whatever against the French. Their navy is composed of two classes of ships, the iron steamers and the junks. The junks are well represented by the pictures you have seen in books of travel. They are all armed with six or eight guns each, but what can they do? So far they have served as coffins for their crews, who were drowned after they had surrendered. Many of the iron steamers were built in England. They were constructed on excellent principles and are very fine ships. They are armed with heavy modern guns. White men were engaged to train the crews. But with all that the ships are not a match for the great iron-clads of the French fleet. The number of iron steamers in the Chinese navy is very large. They have launched six or eight gunboats themselves at Shanghai during the past year, to my own knowledge. These boats were built under the direction of European and American naval architects. They are first class of their kind, but they are too small. China has no hope at sea."

"You have seen the Chinese troops?"

"Yes. They are uniformed in the hues of the rainbow, besides black and white. Imagine 100 laundrymen in scarlet blouses and royal purple trousers drawn up in line, adjoining them a company in pure white, then a company in bright green, and then one in light blue, and you have a Chinese regiment. When they walk they lift up their feet like cats in the snow. But in spite of their peculiarities, they will make it warm for the French on shore. Their name is legion, and if their officers have profited at all by the instructions they have received in the last twenty years, they will make a good fight. I judge of their pluck by what I have seen of them. On shore, in the open field, they will have some chance to show what they can do. They will fight then as they do singly when forced to it. In these miserable junks and in the small steamers no one can hope to do anything but sink with flying colors."

"Do the Chinese still believe in the efficacy of stinkpots?"

"I think not. It is one of the few weapons they have discarded as relics of barbarism, but there is no doubt but what they will strive to strike terror into the hearts of the enemy by making loud and unearthly noises, just as we used to read they did in the wars of 100 years ago. A description of a battle between Chinamen and Frenchmen, if described accurately and in detail, would make very interesting reading."

One of Dakota's tributes to the New Orleans Exposition will be a pumpkin weighing one hundred and eighty-five pounds.

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Beg to intimate that they have received a choice assortment of winter and fall goods in all their departments, they call special attention to their stock of real Scotch tweeds, made up in the latest styles in suits, mens' and boys' overcoats, being the only house in the city that makes a speciality in these goods and Scotch underclothing, would solicit an early inspection of the same as they will be sold at the smallest possible advance on English cost.

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The Daily Times.

Victoria, Saturday, Nov. 1, 1884.

THE CLERICOMOTOR.

[Detroit Free Press.]

There was trouble in the Byesville orthodox church. Old Parson Thorne, who for the last forty years had been a faithful shepherd to his flock, no longer occupied the pulpit.

Byesville was a struggling little hamlet when the good man first came there, and he had seen it grow to a thriving, bustling town. With this material change there had gradually come a corresponding spiritual alteration in the minds of the church-goers, and they began to find the parson's simple expositions of the divine truths a trifle too quiet and slow for the progressive spirit which animated them. As to the parson's personal worth and Christian humility there was no question, but his theology was not abreast of the times. At first the murmurs of discontent were heard from only a few, but the feeling seemed to be contagious, and as time went on it grew stronger, until there could be only one possible climax—the supplanting of the present pastor by a younger and more advanced clergyman. The first of these steps had been already taken: Good old Parson Thorne had preached his farewell sermon, and the pulpit was vacant. The second movement, however, was found to be far less easy of accomplishment. At last, failing to secure the wished-for prize through the ordinary channels, the committee on selection, Deacons Simpson, Stimpson and Grubb, resolved upon a bold move. They inserted an ingeniously worded advertisement in a prominent New York religious journal and awaited the result. Their patience was not put to a severe test.

On the tenth day following the first appearance of the advertisement a stranger stepped from the New York morning express train into the Byesville depot, and a few moments later was conveyed in the village omnibus to the Wallingford house. His baggage, a metallic bound trunk of unusual size, soon followed him.

He registered as "John Rogers," and after a short conversation with the clerk, which resulted in the sending of the bell boy on a mysterious errand, was shown to room 16, whither his trunk preceded him. A subdued noise of hammering was heard from the stranger's apartment for a brief period, and then all was still.

Half an hour later a gentle knock on the door of No. 16 announced the presence of Deacons Simpson, Stimpson and Grubb. The stranger ushered them in with a quiet courtesy and bowed them to be seated.

"Gentlemen," he said, "you are doubtless aware of the business which has brought me here."

"I presume," replied Deacon Simpson, who was the self-elected chairman of the committee, "you come in answer to our advertisement."

"You are quite right," responded the stranger with a pleasant smile which displayed his fine teeth to advantage, "your advertisement has indeed brought me here."

The committee eyed him critically.

"One moment, gentlemen," cried the stranger, "I fear you are laboring under a slight misapprehension. I am not an applicant for ministerial honors. My friend, the candidate, who is of a retiring disposition, has desired me to see you first and give him time to prepare for the interview."

"Where is he?" in chorus cried Deacons Stimpson, Simpson and Grubb, looking with a common impulse toward the curtain. The stranger followed their glances.

"You are quite right," he calmly answered. "My friend is there. Excuse me gentlemen." He dashed behind the curtain. A low, clicking noise was heard for a moment, and then the drapery was suddenly drawn aside.

An exclamation of surprise broke from the three deacons. They saw an improvised reading-desk at the end of the apartment, behind which, in a thoughtful attitude, sat a distinguished-looking man.

"Gentlemen," briskly cried Rogers, unconsciously assuming the air of a traveling showman, "I have the distinguished pleasure of introducing to you the Rev. Dr. Dunneigh."

The deacons arose with much gravity and bowed very stiffly.

To their greeting the distinguished-looking figure at the table vouchsafed no response; its attitude of profound meditation remained unchanged. Somewhat taken aback by this frigid reception, the worthy deacon, after a moment's hesitation, turned an inquiring look upon Mr. John Rogers.

"Ah," said that gentleman in a reassuring tone, "I see I must explain. Let me do so as briefly as possible. Our clerical friend here is not, as you suppose, a being of flesh and blood, but a creature of my own invention." This astounding revelation had a startling effect upon the deacons. They simultaneously arose with the evident intention of inspecting the figure at close quarters, but Mr. Rodgers checked them.

"One moment, gentlemen," he said; "after I have finished my explanation I shall be most happy to exhibit the figure and its workings to you. You may not be aware of it, but I am an inventor of considerable repute, although this is my first effort in this direction. The idea, however, of such a mechanical figure has long possessed me. My father was a Methodist minister, and in my boyhood we were obliged to change our residence so often that I grew to look upon him as a sort of peripatetic machine.

"And this gave me the notion of an automaton which would fulfill most of the requirements of the average clergyman. The idea grew upon me, and I gradually enlarged its scope until you see before you now the perfected fruit of my imagining." He paused with a dramatic gesture toward the figure. The three deacons were listening with breathless attention. "Having thus," he continued, briefly touched upon the conception of the clericomotor, I will now proceed to explain its merits and its workings. In the first place you are aware that the popular church of today is the successful one. And the successful church can only be erected on a sound financial basis. Look around you," he suddenly cried, with a grandiose sweep of his arm, "at the successful churches, where the pews command gilt-edged premiums and the tinkling of the silver as it falls into the contribution box drowns the loudest notes of the pealing organ!"

Carried away by his eloquence Deacons Simpson, Stimpson and Grubb stared wildly about the room, as if the edifice alluded to were actually within sight.

"What constitutes their prime attraction!" he continued. "Is it the soundness of their theology? or the breadth of their Christianity? No, gentlemen; no! It is the popular clergyman with his platitudes, and his resounding rhetoric. But the demand for these paying cards is so great that the market price has been raised far beyond the reach of ordinary congregations until it lies within the power of only the wealthiest churches to secure them. It is here that the clericomotor comes into play. By means of it I place within the reach of the humblest congregation an attraction of the strongest form."

He checked his voluble address, and wiped the perspiration from his face. The deacons took advantage of this momentary gap to gather their scattered senses.

"But how," queried Deacon Simpson, "do you supply the brains?"

"And the voice" added Deacon Stimpson.

"Ah! the gesturin'?" concluded Deacon Grubb.

"Nothing easier," said the inventor. "You are, of course, familiar with the principles of the phonograph. I will frankly state that I have adopted this idea—in an improved form, of course—in constructing the clericomotor." He approached the automaton. "Now, gentlemen," he continued, "if you will give me your closest attention, I will show you how the figure is operated."

The deacons crowded round him in open-mouthed expectancy. He went on glibly: "By pressing on the right-hand button at the back of the coat a trap-door, you observe, flies open between the shoulder-blades. Into this receptacle I slide this prepared electrotype plate. By pressing upon the left-hand button I close the trap-door. Now, if you will cast your eyes at the calf of the left leg, you will see a small projecting rod. To this I attach an ordinary crank—thus." Suiting the action to the word, he placed the handle in position and turned it vigorously. The result was marvelous. The figure arose from its sitting posture in a dignified and natural manner, and resting one hand gracefully upon the table and extending the other in an appealing manner, said in a powerful, though well-modulated voice: "The usual collection will now be taken up." Then, with equal grace and deliberation, the automaton resumed its seat.

This performance had a surprising effect upon Deacons Simpson, Stimpson and Grubb. So natural was the speaker's tone and gesture that the committee sprang back in some confusion, and instinctively buttoned their coats tightly over their pockets.

"Perfectly surprisin'," gasped Deacon Simpson.

"As natural as life," murmured Deacon Stimpson.

"Jee! so," whispered Deacon Grubb.

"Thank you, gentlemen," cried the smiling inventor, "I knew you would appreciate it. A word or two more. These sermons (pointing to a pile of metal plates upon the table) I obtain from a prominent literary bureau. They are all new, original and guaranteed. You get them at the wholesale rates. With each clericomotor I also throw in twenty assorted hymns, announcements and remarks suitable to all occasions, together with two bottles of my celebrated electrical lubricator and a monkey-wrench. My schedule rate is $500, but, as you gentlemen are the first purchasers, I will make it $450 net."

The deacons were almost overcome by this rapid way of doing business.

"Hold on," cried Deacon Simpson, "how about christenings?"

"Weddings first!" dryly remarked Deacon Stimpson.

"An' pastoral calls," added Deacon Grubb.

"All arranged, gentlemen, cried the genial Rogers; plates for everything! Just think of it—no bickerings over the parson's visits; no devastating donation parties; no soul-destroying slippers to distract your daughter's mind; no salary failing due every quarter! The clericomoter is never troubled with clergymen's sore throat and needs no vacations. In short, the only expense he will entail upon you will be for a small boy to turn the crank."

Deacon Simpson's face lighted up. "That won't cost much, I reckon," he said; "my boy, Hezekiah, will be just the one for that."

Deacon Stimpson and Grubb looked at each other with a dubious expression, for Hez. Simpson was generally considered the worst boy in Byesville.

"Understand, gentlemen," said the inventor gravely, "this whole matter is to be kept a profound secret. I ask nothing until the clericomotor has publicly proved its usefulness. To-day is Friday—if you have no objection we will try it next Sunday."

The deacons nodded assent.

"In the meantime I must again urge upon you the necessity of the strictest secrecy."

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It had been whispered about Byesville that the committee on selection had a new candidate to present to the congregation. Consequently the church was filled to its utmost capacity at an unusually early hour. Notwithstanding this fact the first comers were surprised to find the clerical stranger there before them. As the church filled up, many comments were whispered over this unusual proceeding, but they were supplemented by numerous complimentary allusions to his distinguished appearance.

The services opened with the doxology—sung by the congregation—and proceeded in the customary manner. The congregation was charmed with the new-comer. His gestures were graceful, though exceedingly numerous, and his voice full and deep. So finely developed were these admirable qualities that when he made the announcement that the usual collection would be taken up, it was noted that he imparted to it a sympathetic flavor that it never before seemed to possess.

It was, however, in the sermon that he achieved his crowning triumph. Never before in the history of the Byesville orthodox church had such an eloquent effort been heard. Replete with graceful imagery and profound thought, it held their undivided attention from the opening sentences. And most remarkable of all it was delivered extemporaneously! The faces of Deacons Simpson, Stimpson and Grubb were looks of the proudest satisfaction, and they exchanged smiles of congratulation across the church.

Happily they did not know what was in store for them.

As is understood, the motive power of the clericomoter was Hez. Simpson, the deacon's harum-scarum son, who was concealed behind the pulpit. At first the responsibility of his position held his frolicsome disposition in check, and he performed the duties prescribed for him with exemplary fidelity, but, as the novelty wore off, his natural spirit of mischief asserted itself. Despite his solemn instruction not to turn the handle backward, and probably because of this very interdiction, he was dying to try the effect of the forbidden experiment.

The new clergyman had reached "Seventeenthly," and was just entering upon a glowing peroration, when he was observed to slightly hesitate. Almost immediately, however, he recovered himself, and clearly and forcibly ejaculated, "Sixteenthly!"

Hez. had commenced experimenting.

The reverend gentleman repeated a few sentences smoothly, and then, without a moment's warning, shouted, "Thirdly!"

The hair on the heads of Deacons Simpson and Stimpson stood on end in horror. Deacon Grubb was bald. It was very evident that Hezekiah had thrown all prudence to the wind. The new minister, without in the slightest degree losing the expressing of gravity which added dignity to his countenance, calmly proceeded backward by jerks through "secondly" and "firstly." Then he jumbled together two announcements and a hymn, and varied the astounding performance by rapidly sitting down and rising again a half dozen times. Following this with a variety of wild gestures, he fiercely delivered what was commonly supposed to be a quotation in Choctaw, and then suddenly roared: "The usual collection will now be ——" The balance of the sentence was lost in a frightful explosion. Intoxicated with success, Hez. had jamed the crank back too far and the main cylinder had burst.

The collapsed clericomotor sank to the floor as the congregation rushed in dismay from the building.

The pulpit of the orthodox church of Byesville is still vacant.

Judges and senates have been bought for gold:
Esteem and love were never to be sold.
—(Pope.

Neither a borrower nor a lender be;
For loan oft loses both itself and friend,
And borrowing dulls the edge of husbandry.
—(Shakespeare.

Literary Sharpshooting.

[Lilian Whiting's Letter.]

Drawing social types is a species of literary diversion that has its attendant quicksands. If there is any vitality in the sketch at all a personality is sure to be suggested, and thereby follows friction, silent or suppressed, as may be. If the supposed victim is a person of tact he will never express his suspicions, however active they may be; if, on the other hand, he is impelled by temperament toward sharp corners he will find them in abundance.

But it is more than an even question, after all, whether this style of writing is really very high art; whether it is not to literature a little what the tricks of a clown are to amusements—something at which the crowd will laugh, but which never yet edified or improved anybody. And the writer who has any realization of the higher privilege of his calling would rather sacrifice this transient flash of fame, however brilliant, than deliberately to wound the sensibilities of any individual. Personal peculiarities, except when generalized, are hardly fair targets for literary sharpshooters.

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